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In re Application

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HARD MASK FOR CRITICAL
DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified utility patent application. The subject patent application was filed on or after June 8, 1995 and this paper is being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 is granted; (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated. 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a).

Transmitted with this communication are the following:

- ☒ An Amendment or Response.
- ☒ A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.
- ☐ A Request for Suspension of Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.103.

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Previously submitted are the following:

_____ Consider the Amendment(s)/Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.

_____ Other: _____.

Small Entity Statement

☒ _____ Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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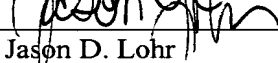
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Respectfully submitted,

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